

## COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### MASK DATA PREPARATION

the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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#### Prior Foreign Application(s)

#### Priority Claimed

<u>(Number)</u>	<u>(Country)</u>	<u>(Day/Month/Year Filed)</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, ' 120 of any United States application(s), and under ' 119(c) of any United States provisional application(s), listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, ' 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulation, ' 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

(Application Serial No.)

(Filing Date)

(Patented, Pending, Abandoned)

I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and to file, prosecute and to transact all business in connection with international applications directed to said invention:

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In re Application of:

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Application No. \_\_\_\_\_

Filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: **MASK DATA PREPARATION**

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.71 WITH REVOCATION OF PRIOR POWERS**

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to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith and hereby revokes all prior powers of attorney; said appointment to be to the exclusion of the inventors and the inventors' attorneys in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 3.71.

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_

Atty Docket: FTIS 1004-1

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